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in a Teeming Installation Device

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## **Preliminary Amendment Prior to Calculation** of Claims Fees

Sir:

With a view to avoiding excess claims fees otherwise due and to putting the English translation of the subject International Application into a format believed to comply with present U.S. patent prosecution practice, Applicant courteously requests entry of the following amendment:

In the Specification:

Page 1: cancel;

page 2, line 5: insert Method and Device for Controlling the Movement of a Teeming Ladle Having a Low Teeming Height in a Teeming Installation

Device<sub>4</sub>: